WEOBLEY RURAL DISTRICT

Herefordshire

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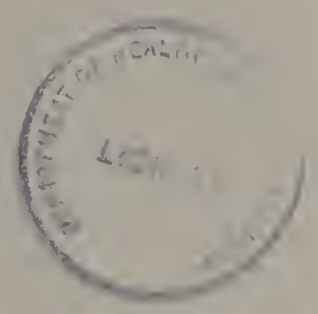

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of the

Medical Officer of Health

and of the

Public Health Inspector

for the year 1969

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(As at 31st December 1969)

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To the Chairman and Members of the Weobley Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1969, together with the report of the Public Health Inspector.

There is little worthy of comment in the statistical section, except perhaps to note in passing a steady rise in the death rate for cancer over the last four years. In this connection it should be noted that the commonest single type of cancer is lung cancer - a fact to which the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health has recently been drawing public attention.

Notifications of infectious disease were the lowest on record, except for tuberculosis.

I would like to thank Mr. Morley for his excellent and comprehensive report and I would like to draw attention therein to the 24% increase in meat inspection over the past two years. This work is exacting and time-consuming if it is to be done properly and is becoming a considerable problem to Public Health Inspectors in all areas.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

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## STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

| | |
|---|---|
| Area (in acres) .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 49,727 |
| Estimated mid-year home population .. .. .. | 5,670 |
| Average number of persons per acre .. .. .. | 0.11 |
| Number of inhabited houses .. .. .. .. | 1,891 |
| Average number of inhabited houses per acre .. | .04 |
| Average number of persons per house .. .. .. | 3.0 |
| Rateable value .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | £117,203 |
| Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. .. | £467. 1. 3d. |

## LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

### Live Births

| | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Legitimate | 42 | 36 | 78 |
| Illegitimate | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| | 46 | 40 | 86 |

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

| Comparability factor: 1.17 | 1969 | 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Weobley R.D. (Crude) | 15.2 | 18.6 | 17.9 | 15.8 | 16.8 |
| " " (Adjusted) | 17.8 | 21.8 | 20.9 | 18.5 | 19.6 |
| England and Wales | 16.3 | 16.9 | 17.2 | 17.7 | 18.0 |

### Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

| | |
|---|---|
| Weobley R.D. .. | 9.3 |
| England and Wales .. | 8.0 |

### Still Births

| | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Legitimate | - | - | - |
| Illegitimate | 1 | - | 1 |

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

| | 1969 | 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Weobley R.D. | 11.5 | Nil | 9.7 | 22.0 | 20.8 |
| England and Wales | 13.0 | 14.0 | 14.8 | 15.4 | 15.7 |

## INFANT DEATH RATES

### Early Neonatal Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

| | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Legitimate | - | - | - |
| Illegitimate | - | - | - |

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Weobley R.D. | .. | Nil |
| England and Wales | .. | 10.0 |

### Neonatal Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

| | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Legitimate | - | - | - |
| Illegitimate | - | - | - |

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Weobley R.D. | .. | Nil |
| England and Wales | .. | 12.0 |

### Perinatal Mortality

Still Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

| | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Legitimate | - | - | - |
| Illegitimate | 1 | - | 1 |

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Weobley R.D. | .. | 11.5 |
| England and Wales | .. | 23.0 |

### Infant Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

| | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Legitimate | - | - | - |
| Illegitimate | - | - | - |

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

| | | 1969 | 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Weobley R.D. | (Total | Nil | 37.7 | 9.8 | 33.7 | 21.3 |
| | (Legitimate | Nil | 30.9 | 11.1 | 37.0 | 23.0 |
| | (Illegitimate | Nil | 111.0 | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| England & Wales | (Total | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.3 | 19.0 | 19.0 |

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Weobley R.D. .. Nil
England and Wales .. *

DEATHS

| | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total number of deaths from all causes: | 34 | 37 | 71 |

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

| Comparability factor: 0.93 | 1969 | 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Weobley R.D. (Crude) | 12.5 | 14.0 | 9.7 | 10.0 | 11.9 |
| " " (Adjusted) | 11.6 | 13.6 | 9.2 | 9.6 | 10.9 |
| England and Wales | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.2 | 11.7 | 11.5 |

Cancer

| | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total deaths from Malignant Disease: | 8 | 10 | 18 |

Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

| | 1969 | 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Weobley R.D. | 3.17 | 2.46 | 2.29 | 1.60 | 1.60 |
| England and Wales | 2.35 | 2.27 | 2.27 | 2.25 | 2.23 |

Cardio-Vascular Disease

| | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease: | 18 | 18 | 36 |

*figure not yet available

Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

| | 1969 | 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Weobley R.D. | 6.35 | 7.37 | 4.58 | 5.87 | 7.13 |
| England and Wales | 6.01 | 6.06 | 5.77 | 5.97 | 5.95 |

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

| | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total deaths from Respiratory Disease: | 5 | 5 | 10 |

Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

| | 1969 | 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Weobley R.D. | 1.76 | 1.58 | 0.53 | 0.71 | 0.71 |
| England and Wales | 1.77 | 1.75 | 1.37 | 1.60 | 1.41 |

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

| | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Malignant neoplasm, intestine | 2 | - | 2 |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast | - | 4 | 4 |
| Malignant neoplasm, prostate | 1 | - | 1 |
| Leukaemia | - | 1 | 1 |
| Other malignant neoplasms | - | 2 | 2 |
| Diabetes Mellitus | - | 2 | 2 |
| Ischaemic heart disease | 11 | 10 | 21 |
| Other forms of heart disease | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Cerebrovascular disease | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| Other diseases of circulatory system | - | 2 | 2 |
| Bronchitis and emphysema | 2 | - | 2 |
| Pneumonia | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Other diseases, genito-urinary system | - | 1 | 1 |
| Congenital anomalies | - | 1 | 1 |
| Accidents other than motor vehicle | 1 | - | 1 |
| Suicide and self-inflicted injuries | 2 | - | 2 |
| | 34 | 37 | 71 |

## NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

### Weobley Rural District

| Disease | 1969 | 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Whooping Cough | 4 | 11 | - | 5 | - |
| Measles | 3 | 44 | 113 | 52 | 88 |
| Scarlet Fever | 2 | 6 | - | 16 | 8 |
| +Infective Jaundice | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Dysentery | - | 1 | 3 | 4 | - |
| Food Poisoning | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Tuberculosis: | | | | | |
| Pulmonary | 2 | 1 | - | 2 | - |

### North Herefordshire

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Whooping Cough | 4 | 18 | 47 | 37 | 5 |
| Measles | 35 | 526 | 314 | 271 | 525 |
| Scarlet Fever | 4 | 11 | 11 | 29 | 12 |
| Acute Encephalitis: | | | | | |
| Infective | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| Post-Infectious | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| +Infective Jaundice | 106 | 8 | - | - | - |
| Meningococcal Infection | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Dysentery | 1 | 17 | 285 | 92 | 6 |
| Food Poisoning | 9 | 6 | 10 | 9 | 8 |
| Tuberculosis: | | | | | |
| Pulmonary | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| Non-Pulmonary | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 |

+Notifiable from 15.6.68.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1969

| Disease | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apl. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Whooping Cough | 2 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Measles | 7 | - | 1 | 1 | 3 | - | 14 | 8 | 1 | - | - | - | 35 |
| Scarlet Fever | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Infective Jaundice | - | - | 11 | 21 | 26 | 15 | 13 | 3 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 106 |
| Dysentery | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Food Poisoning | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 | 5 | - | - | 9 |
| Tuberculosis: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pulmonary | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4 |
| Non-Pulmonary | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 |

COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

| Disease | North Herefordshire | England & Wales |
|---|---|---|
| Whooping Cough | 0.11 | 0.10 |
| Measles | 0.95 | 2.91 |
| Scarlet Fever | 0.11 | 0.33 |
| Infective Jaundice | 2.86 | 0.48 |
| Dysentery | 0.03 | 0.45 |
| Food Poisoning | 0.24 | 0.15 |
| Tuberculosis: | | |
| Pulmonary | 0.11 | 0.20 |
| Non-Pulmonary | 0.05 | 0.05 |

TUBERCULOSIS

| | Pulmonary | | Non-pulmonary | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Males | Females | Males | Females |
| Number on Register at 31st December, 1968. | 14 | 8 | 4 | 5 |
| New cases notified | 2 | - | - | - |
| Moved out of District | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Number on Register at 31st December, 1969. | 15 | 8 | 4 | 4 |

| Year | New Notifications | Total cases on Register | Deaths | Recoveries |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1965 | - | 40 | - | - |
| 1966 | 2 | 38 | - | 4 |
| 1967 | 1 | 32 | 1 | 4 |
| 1968 | 1 | 31 | 1 | - |
| 1969 | 2 | 31 | - | - |

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORT

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE DISTRICT

The Rural District is situated in the North Western portion of the County. It comprises 26 parishes covering an area of 49,727 acres of mainly agricultural land, and, whilst there are no large villages, each parish has a village or hamlet forming a nucleus.

The chief industry is agriculture, and for some years rationalisation of the industry has had the effect of reducing the number of persons employed in farming, and resulting in their finding alterative employment, chiefly in Hereford, and, to a lesser extent, in Leominster.

There is also a tendency for young persons to leave the area permanently in search of suitable employment and for older persons from industrial areas to move in with a view to retirement.

### WATER SUPPLIES

(a) Regional and Village Supplies

The whole of the district is within the statutory area of the supply of the Herefordshire Water Board and mains supplies are available in the greater portion of the District.

Water Supplied from Public Mains direct to Houses (including farm-houses)

| Parish | No. of Houses | Approx.Population |
|---|---|---|
| Almeley | 102 | 306 |
| Birley | 7 | 21 |
| Bishopstone | 73 | 219 |
| Blakemere | 17 | 51 |
| Bridge Sollars | 10 | 30 |
| Brinspo | 6 | 18 |
| Brobury | 1 | 3 |
| Byford | 33 | 99 |
| Canon Pyon | 121 | 363 |
| Dilwyn | 103 | 309 |
| Eardisland | 561 | 168 |
| Kinnersley | 40 | 120 |
| King's Pyon | 64 | 192 |
| Letton | 10 | 30 |
| Mansel Lacy | 39 | 117 |
| Moccas | 32 | 92 |
| Monnington-on-Wye | 9 | 27 |

Water Supplied from Public Mains direct to Houses (Continued) (including farm houses)

| Parish | No. of Houses | Approx. Population |
|---|---|---|
| Norton Canon | 60 | 180 |
| Preston-on-Wye | 26 | 78 |
| Sarnsfield | 5 | 15 |
| Staunton-on-Wye | 102 | 306 |
| Stretford | 2 | 6 |
| Weobley | 217 | 651 |
| Yazor | 18 | 54 |
| Water Supplied from Private Mains | | |
| Bridge Sollars | 2 | 6 |
| Brinsop | 3 | 9 |
| Canon Pyon | 2 | 6 |
| Mansel Lacy | 4 | 12 |
| Preston-on-Wye | 20 | 60 |
| Wormesley | 22 | 66 |
| Yazor | 15 | 45 |
| Water Supplied from Public Mains by means of Standpipes | | |
| Almeley | 1 | 3 |
| Birley | 2 | 6 |
| Bishopstone | 1 | 3 |
| Dilwyn | 6 | 18 |
| Weobley | 8 | 24 |

The water supplied from these public and private mains is satisfactory in both quality and quantity.

(b) The Examination and Sampling of Water Supplies

During the year 101 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination as follows:-

| | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Public Supplies (chlorinated) | 55 | 11 | 66 |
| Other supplies (wells, springs & Private Supplies) | 16 | 19 | 35 |
| | 71 | 30 | 101 |

Where samples have proved to be unsatisfactory, occupiers were notified that water used for drinking purposes should be boiled prior to use.

No samples were submitted for chemical analysis during the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Towards the end of the year the Council was advised that a local enquiry would be held early in January, 1970, into the proposals for extending the Weobley Sewage Disposal Works so as to provide for existing and future village development, and to incorporate Weobley Marsh, King's Pyon and Norton Canon.

The existing works at Dilwyn, Canon Pyon, Staunton-on-Wye and Moccas have functioned satisfactorily and gradually more properties are being connected to the sewers.

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of houses connected to public sewers | 254 |
| Number of houses connected to satisfactory private disposal works | 829 (Est.) |
| Number of houses using chemical, pail or earth closets with satisfactory disposal | Not known |
| Number of houses without satisfactory means of disposal. | Not known |

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths within the area. A small pool is, however, in use at Weobley County Primary School for the use of pupils.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A fortnightly collection of household refuse is in operation throughout the District and the Council's staff and vehicles also undertake a fortnightly collection throughout the Kington R.D.C. area.

Two neighbouring Authorities have recently adopted a weekly collection service, using the paper sack method, as recommended by the Government Working Party. Information and particulars are being obtained with a view to presenting a report to the appropriate Committee on this subject, although it is of course appreciated that a great part of the district is only very sparsely populated.

As in previous years, I again draw the attention of the Council to the problem of refuse disposal and the need to look ahead and obtain further tipping facilities for the time when our present disposal points at Stretford and Moccas can be no longer utilised.

On the various collection rounds, the freighter travelled some 13,205 miles during the year at an average of 9.7 miles per gallon of fuel.

DISINFECTIONS

Terminal disinfection is carried out as requisite.

THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Local Authority properties have been temporarily surveyed and treated by the Council Manual Workers Staff, pending the appointment of a Pests Inspector by the appropriate Committee.

SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

As required in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 20 of Article 25 of the Public Health Officers' Regulations, 1959.

| Inspection under | Number | Informal Notices Served | Statutory Notices Served | Notices Complied With |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Animal Boarding Establishments | 1 | | | |
| Building Inspections & new Buildings | 373 | 5 | | 5 |
| Building Plans | 179 | | | |
| Building Regulations | 8 | | | |
| Council House Schemes | 415 | | | |
| Council House Management and Management | 561 | 4 | | 4 |
| Council House Tenancy Investigations | 65 | | | |
| Civic Amenities Act | 1 | | | |
| Dangerous Structures | 6 | | | |
| Drainage | 2 | | | |
| Discretionary Improvement Grants | 49 | | | |
| Factories Act | 2 | | | |
| Fire Precaution Lecture | 1 | | | |
| Food Premises | 27 | | | |
| Housing Act, 1969 | 2 | | | |
| Housing (F.P.) Act Section | 29 | | | |
| Housing Inspections | 54 | | | |
| Hop-Pickers' Quarters | 2 | | | |
| Infection Diseases | 6 | | | |
| Ice-Cream Licences & Samples | 1 | | | |
| Meat Inspections | 139 | | | |
| Milk Samples | 16 | | | |

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SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR (Cont.)

| Inspections under | Number | Informal Notices Served | Notices Complied With |
|---|---|---|---|
| Miscellaneous | 64 | | |
| Moveable Dwellings | 16 | | |
| Nuisances | 75 | 8 | 8 |
| Offices, Shops & Railway Premises | 2 | | |
| Planning Duties | 2 | | |
| Petroleum Inspections | 11 | | |
| Public Health Act, 1936 (Section 60) | 2 | | |
| Public Offices | 2 | | |
| Refuse Collection & Disposal | 136 | | |
| Rodent Control | 36 | | |
| Slaughterhouses | 5 | | |
| Sewage Disposal | 164 | | |
| Standard Improvement Grants | 55 | | |
| Unsound Food | 5 | | |
| Valuation of Property | 12 | | |
| Water Samples | 104 | | |
| Water Supplies | 18 | | |
| Totals | 2649 | 21 | 21 |

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

There are no large factories within the rural area and the number of persons employed in such factories as exist is quite small.

The list of factories within the rural area is as follows:-

| | FACTORIES Mechanical Power With | Without | Total | Other Premises |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Almeley | 1 | - | 1 | 1 |
| Blakemere | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| Canon Pyon | 3 | - | 3 | 1 |
| Dilwyn | 1 | - | 1 | |
| Eardisland | 1 | - | 1 | 1 |
| Moccas | 1 | - | 1 | - |

Cont.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948 (cont.)

| | FACTORIES Mechanical Power With | Without | Total | Other Premises |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Norton Canon | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Preston-on-Wye | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Weobley | 6 | | 6 | 2 |
| | 17 | | 17 | 8 |

The 'Other Premises' described in the foregoing list of factories include workshops, such as tradesmen's premises at which no-one except the owner or owners are employed. These premises are outside the definition of 'Factories' as described in the Act.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958, AND HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

Discretionary Improvement Grants

The scheme has been implemented by the Council since 1952 and so far 168 proposals have been approved. Dwellings improved under this scheme now amount to 8.22% of the total number of occupied houses. Two proposals, however, were later withdrawn by the applicants.

Twenty schemes were approved by the Council during the year.

Standard Improvement Grants

This method of improving old properties continues to be well received and during the year 28 applications were made and approved, with 29 completed and paid.

Since the inauguration of the scheme in 1959, some 261 proposals amounting to about 12.85% of the total occupied houses in the area have been approved, five of these being later withdrawn by the applicants.

COUNCIL HOUSING AND BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

Construction of two elderly persons' bungalows at Bishopstone, three bungalows and four general needs houses at Moccas were completed in March; four bungalows for elderly persons were under construction at Almeley and also a commencement was made on the Grouped Dwelling Scheme and four additional bungalows at Weobley, due to be completed in June 1970 or thereabouts.

A summary of the various Council Housing Schemes is given on page 17.

PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

19 new dwellings were completed during 1969, and at the close of the year, a further twelve were in various stages of construction.

Wherever possible, the utmost assistance has been given by the staff to promote private building.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL HOUSING SCHEMES

| | Completed | Year | Under construction | Year | Houses in preparatory stages | Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Almeley | 8 | 1951 | - | - | - | - |
| | 2 | 1955 | - | - | - | - |
| | 11 | 1956 | 4 | 1969 | - | - |
| Bishopstone | 2 | 1945 | - | - | - | - |
| | 12 | 1966 | - | - | - | - |
| | 2 | 1969 | - | - | - | - |
| Canon Pyon | 2 | 1945 | - | - | - | - |
| | 14 | 1965 | - | - | - | - |
| (Bungalows) | 6 | 1965 | - | - | - | - |
| Dilwyn | 12 | 1953 | - | - | - | - |
| | 4 | 1955 | - | - | - | - |
| Eardisland | 4 | 1954 | - | - | - | - |
| | 15 | 1955 | - | - | - | - |
| King's Pyon | 6 | 1966 | - | - | - | - |
| Norton Canon | 2 | 1944 | - | - | - | - |
| | 4 | 1966 | - | - | - | - |
| (Bungalows) | 2 | 1966 | - | - | - | - |
| Letton Conversion | 2 | 1966 | - | - | - | - |
| Moccas | 7 | 1969 | - | - | - | - |
| Preston-on-Wye | - | - | - | - | 12 | 1962 |
| Staunton-on-Wye | 14 | 1966 | - | - | - | - |
| Weobley | 14 | 1949 | - | - | - | - |
| | 10 | 1955 | - | - | - | - |
| | 22 | 1956 | - | - | - | - |
| | 9 | 1957 | - | - | - | - |
| (Conversions) | 1 | 1948 | - | - | - | - |
| | 2 | 1952 | - | - | - | - |
| | 5 | 1952 | - | - | - | - |
| | 3 | 1958 | - | - | - | - |
| (Bungalows) | 6 | 1961 | - | - | - | - |
| | 6 | 1961 | - | - | - | - |
| | 20 | 1962 | - | - | - | - |
| (Grouped Dwellings) | | | 22 | 1969 | - | - |
| (Warden's Flat) | | | 1 | 1969 | - | - |
| (Bungalows - General Needs) | | | 4 | 1969 | | |
| | 229 | | 31 | | 12 | |

FINANCIAL ADVANCES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, PURCHASE OR RECONDITIONING OF HOUSES

Since 1956 it has been the Council's policy to advance money for the purposes stated in the heading, and, generally speaking, although applications have not been too numerous, the scheme has functioned successfully and has been proved as a means of promoting new building as well as the repair of existing dwellings, without cost to ratepayers.

FINANCIAL ADVANCES FOR THE COUNSTRUCTION, PURCHASE OR RECONDITIONING OF HOUSES (Cont.)

Table of Advances made since 1956:

| | |
|---|---|
| For the construction of new houses or bungalows | 16 |
| For the purchase, repair or improvement of existing dwellings: | 64 |

BUILDING PLANS

A total of 263 applications were dealt with during the year, as follows:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Private Garages | 19 |
| Alterations, improvements & additions | 69 |
| Drainage systems | 20 |
| Advertisement signs | 6 |
| Private houses | 53 |
| Overhead lines for M.E.B. | 13 |
| Accesses | 8 |
| Change of use of land | 2 |
| Sheds, Greenhouses, etc. | 10 |
| Farm buildings | 23 |
| Poultry houses & piggeries | 5 |
| Moveable dwellings | 1 |
| Stores | 2 |
| Conversions | 10 |
| Workshops | 3 |
| Porches, verandahs, etc. | 17 |
| Swimming Pool | 1 |
| M.P.B.W. telephone exchange extension | 1 |

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT AND CARBIDE

At the end of the year petrol storage capacity amounted to 61,640 gallons.

There are 12 petrol filling stations and 39 private storage tanks licenced for the storage of petroleum spirit.

No licences were issued during the year for the storage of carbide.

HOP-PICKERS' ACCOMMODATION

The introduction of machinery for hop-picking has meant that local labour has largely satisfied the demands on smaller farms, thus very few dwellings were used during the season.

Number of farms having accommodation for pickers: 2

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The control of milk supplies is administered by the National Agricultural Advisory Service.

### School Milk Supplies

By arrangement with the County Council, samples of milk are obtained and submitted for bacteriological and also biological examination. Eight samples were sent for bacteriological examination during the year.

### Food Premises

Food premises in area:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Butchers' shops | 2 | School Canteens | 3 |
| Grocers' shops | 21 | Snack Bars | 1 |
| Inns and Hotels | 20 | Cafes | 1 |

There are also a few smaller shops which sell sundry items of food and sweets in pre-packed wrappers.

Throughout the year, from time to time, miscellaneous inspections of food premises were undertaken during the course of other visits, but 25 inspections were made specifically in connection with Food Hygiene Regulations.

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of premises fitted to comply with Reg.16 | 48 |
| Number of premises to which Reg.19 applies | 48 |
| Number of premises fitted to comply with Reg.19 | 48 |
| Premises registered under Food & Drugs Act, 1955, for storage and sale of ice-cream | 34 |

### Slaughterhouses & Butchers' Shops

There are two private slaughterhouses in Weobley, both of which are used regularly. During the year -

181 Beasts 125 Sheep 258 Lambs 348 Pigs

were slaughtered at the two establishments and, after inspection, the following meat was considered to be unfit for human consumption

Livers:-

50 Bovine 14 Sheep 11 Pigs 12 Lambs

1 Pig's carcass and organs
1 Sheep's head and organs
1 Pig's heart
1 " hind leg

By comparison with 1968, 24% more animals were slaughtered in the area.

100% inspection of all carcasses and organs has been maintained.